

CITY OF

*Painesville*

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*Resident Guide*



# The City of Painesville Welcomes You!

Painesville is truly an American city. Our town square, tree-lined neighborhoods, access to the Grand River and Lake Erie, and educational, cultural and religious organizations offer everything necessary for quality living. Our classic Western Reserve community is filled with small town character and historic charm that sets it apart from sprawl-engulfed suburbs.

We are proud of our rich civic and cultural traditions, diverse population and strong sense of community. We hope you enjoy it as much as we do!



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welcome  
to Painesville

## We're Glad You Are Here

Residents and businesses of the City of Painesville take great pride in being the County Seat and the center of one of the fastest growing areas in Lake County. Visitors and residents enjoy Painesville's beautiful setting, historic downtown, efficient, high-quality services, low crime rate, low utility rates, new schools, 13 parks and an active YMCA and Senior Center.

Some of the nation's most successful business and industrial leaders are located in Painesville, including Avery Dennison, STP, Cintas, and Core Systems. The City is also home to Lake Erie College. Residents can drive within an hour to many other distinguished institutions, including Cleveland State University, Case Western Reserve University and Kent State University. Nearby, Lakeland Community College offers high quality commuter college classes and programs.



Painesville's commitment to every citizen within the community sets it apart from other communities. High-quality parks, full-service utilities, engaging recreation programs and strong support for maintenance and repair of public facilities reflect this commitment.

The City is 30 miles from Cleveland, close to Lake Erie and the Grand River. State parks for summer exploring and winter hikes are also nearby. In the Painesville area, gazebo concerts, Lake Erie College Morley Music Hall, the historical society and Morley Library address the most demanding cultural needs. The City offers shopping convenience with downtown shopping and dining in a unique historic business district.

Quality educational institutions, skilled municipal administration, a wide range of recreation programs, reasonable utilities, pedestrian friendly and a vibrant multi-ethnic community are just some of the many attributes that make Painesville a great place to call home.





## A Brief History of Painesville

Surveyed by the Connecticut Land Company in 1798 as part of their Western Reserve land holdings, the first settlers came in 1800. The leaders of a band of sixty-six pioneers to this new community were John Walworth and General Edward Paine, formerly of Connecticut but more recently of Scipio, New York.

In 1800 the Western Reserve became Trumbull County and at the first Court of Quarter Sessions the county was divided into eight political townships. The smallest of these was named Painesville, for Gen. Paine, and embraced what later became the townships of Perry, Leroy, Hambden, Concord, Chardon, Mentor, and Kirtland. The township government was organized in 1802. The post office in Painesville was opened in 1803 with John Walworth as postmaster.

In what was to become the commercial center of the township was a settlement called Oak Openings, its name being descriptive of the scrub oaks and sandy soil. It was here in 1805 that General Henry Champion laid out a village

plat and called it Champion. But in 1832 when this portion of the township was incorporated, the name Painesville was chosen. In 1840 Lake County was created from portions of Geauga and Cuyahoga Counties; and Painesville was made the county seat and a court house erected. In 1852 the Town of Painesville became a village and in 1902 the village became the City of Painesville. A statue of General Edward Paine was erected as a fitting tribute to the founder of Painesville, to "his patriotism, his courageous spirit, and his wise eye to the future."

Painesville is located 30 miles east of Cleveland and easily reached by Interstate 90 and State Routes 2 and 44.

## Painesville at a glance

### Region:

Northeast Ohio

### Local Restaurants:

28

### Size:

7.75 square miles

### Annual Events:

Winter Carnival/Chili Cook-off; Citizen's Police Academy; Easter Egg Hunt; Memorial Day Parade; Annual Fishing Derby; International Cuisine Celebration; Sunrise run/walk; Party in the Park; National Night Out; Unity in the Community; Art in the Park; Taste of Painesville; Painesville's Fall Fest; Spirit of the Season

### Residential Population:

19,563

### Population Growth

(since 2000):

11.77%

### Median Age:

30.2

### Parks:

13

## Painesville government

The City of Painesville operates under a council-manager form of government which combines the strong political leadership of elected officials with the strong managerial experience of an appointed manager.

Council members are elected by the people. The major objectives of City Council are to maintain oversight on the financial and operational activities of the City, ensure the financial stability of the community, provide leadership and policy direction for daily operations of the City and provide additional training to enhance leadership skills.

City Council consists of 7 members; four Ward council members, one from each ward, and three At-large members. All seven serve four year terms. They are non-partisan elections. At-large members of Council must reside in the City and Ward Council members in their

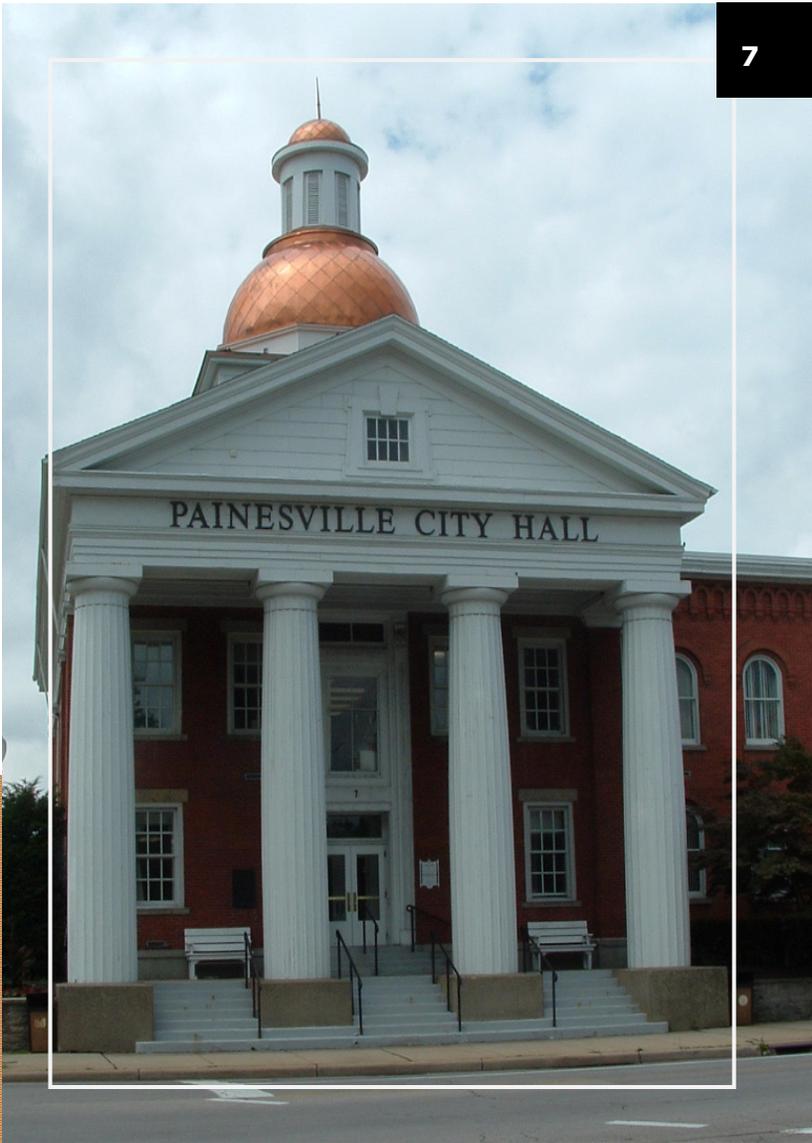


respective wards for at least one year. All legislative powers of the City belong to City Council. Some of the duties of Council include appointing the City Manager, Clerk of Council and Board and Commission members. Council must adopt the budget each year and authorizes the issuance of bonds.

City Council meets the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:30 PM in Courtroom #1 at 7 Richmond Street. All meetings are open to the public. The latest City Council Meeting can be found online at [www.painesville.com](http://www.painesville.com).

**Contact**

For more information about The City of Painesville Codified Ordinances or City Council Meetings, please contact the Clerk of Council at (440) 392-5803.



## Boards and Commissions

Residents are encouraged to participate on various Boards and Commissions that assist City Council and Administration in managing the direction of the City. If interested in participating on a City Board or Commission, please send a letter of interest to the Clerk of Council, PO Box 601, Painesville, Ohio 44077.

Each commission has its own way of contributing to the community. The **Board of Zoning Appeals** focuses on interpretation of the District Map, administrative review and variances. The **Civil Service Commission** shall supervise and grade examinations for the hiring and promotion of Fire and Police Civil Service personnel. The **Community Reinvestment Council** makes annual inspections of property and advises the Housing Officer. **The Housing Issues Task Force** addresses matters relating to housing issues within the community. The **Parks and Recreation Commission** serves in an advisory capacity to the Administrative staff on matters of Recreation Programming. The **Planning Commission** has authority to adopt rules and regulations and set land use policy. The **Safety Committee** addresses matters relating to Police and Fire.

### **Board of Zoning Appeals (440) 392-5931**

Meets 3rd Thursday of each month

7:30 p.m., City Hall

### **Civil Service Commission (440) 392-5786**

Meetings on call

### **Community Reinvestment Council**

Meet once a year in the Fall

### **Housing Issues Task Force**

Meetings on call

### **Parks & Rec Commission (440) 392-5912**

Meetings on call

### **Planning Commission (440) 392-5801**

Meets 2nd Thursday of each month

7:30 p.m., City Hall

### **Safety Committee**

Meetings on call

## Planning, Zoning & Building

The Community Development Department comprises the divisions of Building, Code Enforcement, Engineering and Planning/Zoning. Together, these divisions administer the activities related to all the development and infrastructure improvements within the City. This is one of the most diversified Departments in the City.

The Building Division handles the building process through the inspection and approval of plans and the issuance of permits. Registration of all contractors working in the City is required and maintained here. Residents should contact the department before the commencement of a construction project to determine if they need a permit.

Code Enforcement enforces the housing and property maintenance codes. This includes signs on the tree lawns to chipping paint to overgrown lawns and everything in between.

The goal of Code Enforcement is to improve the condition of the City's housing stock. There are currently 2 inspectors within the division.

Engineering is responsible for the planning, organizing, and directing of multi-functional activities like street design, construction and maintenance, sanitary and storm rehabilitation, design of construction and site grading plan review, capital improvement scheduling and insuring that new development meets City standards

The City Planner falls under this Department and helps to provide the necessary planning and zoning review for all new developments within the City. The planner also ensures that the structures comply with their zoning classifications and that the property use is permitted.

For more information about the Community Development Department, call (440) 392-5931.

## Services

Since 1885 Painesville has provided reliable and low-cost utilities, which includes electric, water, and sewer to the Painesville area. The City is committed to maintain its low cost structure that offers business and industry a savings in comparison to other utilities.

### Water

Established in 1896, the City's Water Treatment Plant services all of the City, the Village of Grand River, and sections of Painesville and Concord Township. The Water Plant treats and pumps approximately 4 million gallons of water a day, but has the capability to produce up to 7 1/2 million gallons per day.

### Sanitary Sewer

The City's Water Pollution Control Plant handles all sanitary sewers for the entire city. The plant can handle 6 million gallons per day.

### Electricity

The City's Municipal Electric System, established in 1888, is one of eighty-two municipally-owned electric systems in Ohio and one of five municipally-owned facilities that generate electricity. In addition to the City, the service area includes parts of Concord, Painesville Twp., North Perry Village and Perry Twp.

In addition to generation, Painesville Municipal Electric will purchase power to meet the system demands in a cost-effective manner. The electric savings can be significant when compared to our neighbors.

### Refuse and Recycling

Waste Management Services provides weekly refuse collection in addition to yard waste pickup. Residents may select one of two service level options based on the amount of refuse generated by the household. Bulk items and appliances are collected at no extra charge on the regular pickup day. Refuse may not be set on the tree lawn before 7 p.m. on the day before, nor containers left out after 7 p.m. on

collection day. The City also offers bi-weekly curbside recycling collection. This was added to the Waste Management contract in order to reduce the volume of refuse going into local landfills, and to participate in making our community one of the greenest cities in Lake County.

**Storm Water**

In 2003, Painesville demonstrated a proactive commitment to implementing a storm water management plan with a goal to improve and protect the water quality in State waters in Ohio. Property owner assessments are derived using a formula based on an average calculated rate, the total square footage of the property and the corresponding "impervious" portion thereof.

**Income Tax**

Painesville has a 2% Municipal Income Tax. All persons living or working within the City, including businesses, are subject to the tax and are required to file annually. Painesville residents are granted 100% credit for municipal income tax paid to other communities.



**Contact**

**Have a question about any utility services?  
Call one of the following numbers for help.**

**Electric Distribution:** (440) 392-6185

**Income Tax:** (800) 223-6317

**Power Outages:** (440) 392-5954

**Recycling:** (800) 343-6047

**Refuse Collection:** (800) 343-6047

**Utilities Office:** (440) 392-5797

**Water Distribution:** (440) 392- 2975

**Water Pollution Control:** (440) 392-6316



## Public Safety

Painesville focuses on public safety. We have local paramedic services with trained and equipped firefighters to make these services more widely available. The City has a partnership agreement with the Lake County Sheriff to provide efficient, quick dispatch response times. We help keep our neighborhoods safe with a strong block-watch program and a crime free rental housing program. Our police work closely with our community.

## Contact

<b>Emergency</b>	911
<b>Police non-emergency</b>	(440) 392-5840
<b>Fire non-emergency</b>	(440) 392-5852
<b>Complaints</b>	(440) 352-9301
<b>Police Headquarters</b>	(440) 392-5840
<b>Fire Headquarters</b>	(440) 392-5852

## **Painesville Area Schools**

Our schools work to meet the needs of our diverse population with proven success. State test scores rise every year with innovative programs at all grade levels.

### **Painesville City Schools**

#### **Thomas W. Harvey High School**

200 West Walnut Ave. - (440) 392-5110

#### **Heritage Middle School**

135 Cedarbrook Dr. — (440) 392-5250

#### **Chestnut Elementary School**

341 Chestnut St. — (440) 392-5350

#### **Elm Street Elementary School**

585 Elm St. — (440) 392-5520

#### **Maple Elementary School**

560 W. Jackson St. — (440) 392-5440

#### **Red Raider Preschool**

350 Cedarbrook Dr. — (440) 392-5060

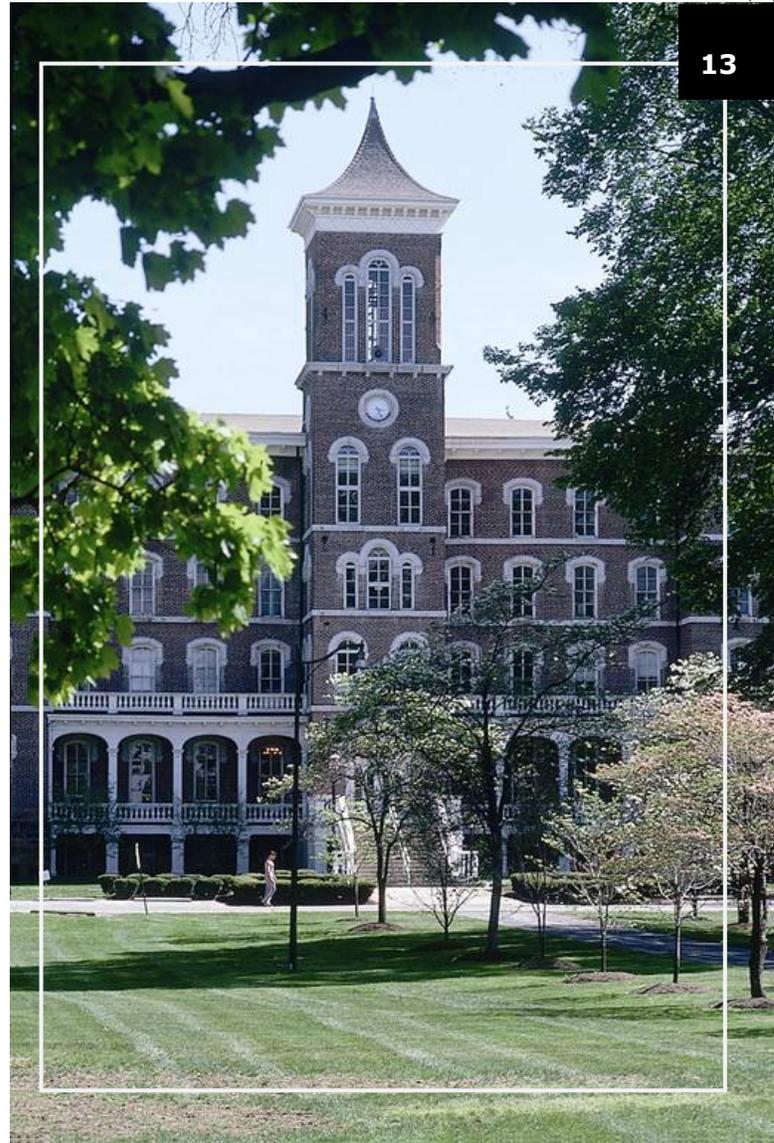
### **Colleges and Universities**

#### **Lake Erie College**

391 W. Washington St. — (440) 296-1856

#### **Lakeland Community College**

7700 Clocktower Dr. — (440) 220-6273



## recreation services

### Parks and Recreation

The City of Painesville owns and maintains over 100 acres of park and public lands. By having so many parks, Painesville's Recreation Department offers a host of activities and programs for Painesville families. These include summer programs, after-school activities for children grades 1 through 8, teen recreation programs and leisure time activities for all ages. The **Senior Center** is run by a non-profit board working closely with the City to provide services to our seniors.

### Community Parks

**Charter Oak Park**- *367 Mentor Avenue*

This is the site of the "Charter Oak," an Oak Tree transplanted here from Connecticut, and also serves as the final resting place of our City's founder, General Edward Paine.

**Ella Shaw Park**- *460 Lexington Avenue*

This small park is highlighted by a great playground and nice open area for picnics.

**Homeworth Park**- *639 Pleasant Avenue*

This neighborhood park has a fun play structure for the kids.

**Kiwanis Recreation Park**

The City's largest park at 75 acres is located next to the Grand River for prime fishing opportunities. The park also has 9 baseball diamonds, a basketball court, 2 tennis courts, a sand volleyball court, a skate park, 2 playgrounds, and reservable shelters.

**Marine Park**- *267 Stonehaven Drive*

This park has a fun playground, walking path, benches, and open space for activities.

**Morse Avenue Community Center**– *244 Jefferson St.*  
The community center is home to many summer and after-school programs. It has a basketball court and open area to play field games.

**Rotary Park**– *804 Hine Avenue*  
This small neighborhood park is used by several youth baseball leagues.

**Trailwood Park**– *425 Trailwood Drive*  
Ideal for picnicking, relaxing, and listening to the birds.

**Veteran’s Park**– *1 Liberty Street*  
A City park since 1800 is located in downtown Painesville with a beautiful gazebo at the center. This park is the location of several special events throughout the year.

**Future Parks**- *979 North St. Clair Street; 61 Roosevelt Drive; 384 South State Street*  
Residents near State, Lathrop, and Huntington surplus school properties will soon have aesthetically pleasing and recreationally fit neighborhood parks including playgrounds, jogging paths, landscaping, and picnic areas.



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## There's something for everyone in Painesville

Painesville is bursting with offerings for kids and adults alike. You can have a picnic in one of our many parks, shop at one of our 29 downtown shops, or eat in one of our 28 local restaurants. The citizens of Painesville City will never be bored.

From five-star fine dining and a romantic micro-winery to a punk bar that's home to Cleveland's best non-commercial jukebox, authentic Italian, Chinese and Mexican to old-fashioned Americana dinners with burgers and shakes are offered here in the City. The ever popular Jalapeño Loco is located right on Painesville's Square and has a live Mariachi band every month.

Also, Chester's Legacy Tavern has been a Lake County Restaurant landmark for more than 60 years. Rider's Inn is a bed & breakfast that has been in service since 1812 and is known for its historically significant stop on the Underground Railroad.



There are many activities in Painesville for each and everyone to attend. In the Winter, there is the Winter Carnival and Chili Cook-off. In the Spring, be sure to not miss the Easter Egg Hunt. Summer is full of exciting activities. July is most popular for the Party in the Park held in Veteran's Park. This weekend celebration features carnival games, entertainment, informational exhibits of city and county services, local restaurants, and more! Fall is known for its Taste of Painesville fest and Fall Fest, just to mention a few.

If you are looking more for a relaxing time, take a walk along the Grand River which winds through the City, offering beautiful vistas as well as opportunities for local fishermen. Also, you could soak in the beauty of the outdoors and listen to the birds at one of our parks.

While it's intimidating to try a new church, you'll be welcomed with open arms at any one of the many churches in Painesville. Painesville is home to people from all the world's major faiths.

## Annual Events

### January

Winter Carnival/Chili Cook-off

### February

Black History Month Celebration

### March

Citizen's Police Academy

### April

Easter Egg Hunt  
Earth Day Celebration

### May

Memorial Day Parade

### June

Annual Fishing Derby,  
International Cuisine Celebration

### July

Sunrise 5 mile run / 2 mile walk, P.C.I.C.'s Party in the Park

### August

National Night Out, Unity in the Community, Art in the Park, Lake Erie College Welcome Back Concert

### September

Taste of Painesville, Community Picnic, Painesville Fire Academy

### October

Painesville's Fall Fest

### November

Painesville Business's Holiday Open House

### December

P.C.I.C.'s Spirit of the Season, Business Appreciation After Hours

**During the summer, every Wednesday is a free Gazebo Concert in Veteran's Park, every Thursday is the Farmer's Market, and every Friday is the Classic Car Show.**

## working in Painesville

**Painesville has the quality and atmosphere of a small town, with the amenities of a big city.**

The business community includes hometown successes, national corporations, creative entrepreneurs, and world-renowned agriculture. Our downtown, which is centered around the beautiful Veteran's Park, offers a charming mix of local retail with small neighborhood markets located between the historic courthouse, church and municipal buildings.

We encourage well-planned growth in our business and industry sectors to add jobs for our residents and share the cost of providing municipal services. Painesville is focused on a working partnership with our citizens, companies, and organizations to increase the quality and vibrancy of their lives. The City of Painesville is the ideal community to build your business and love your life.

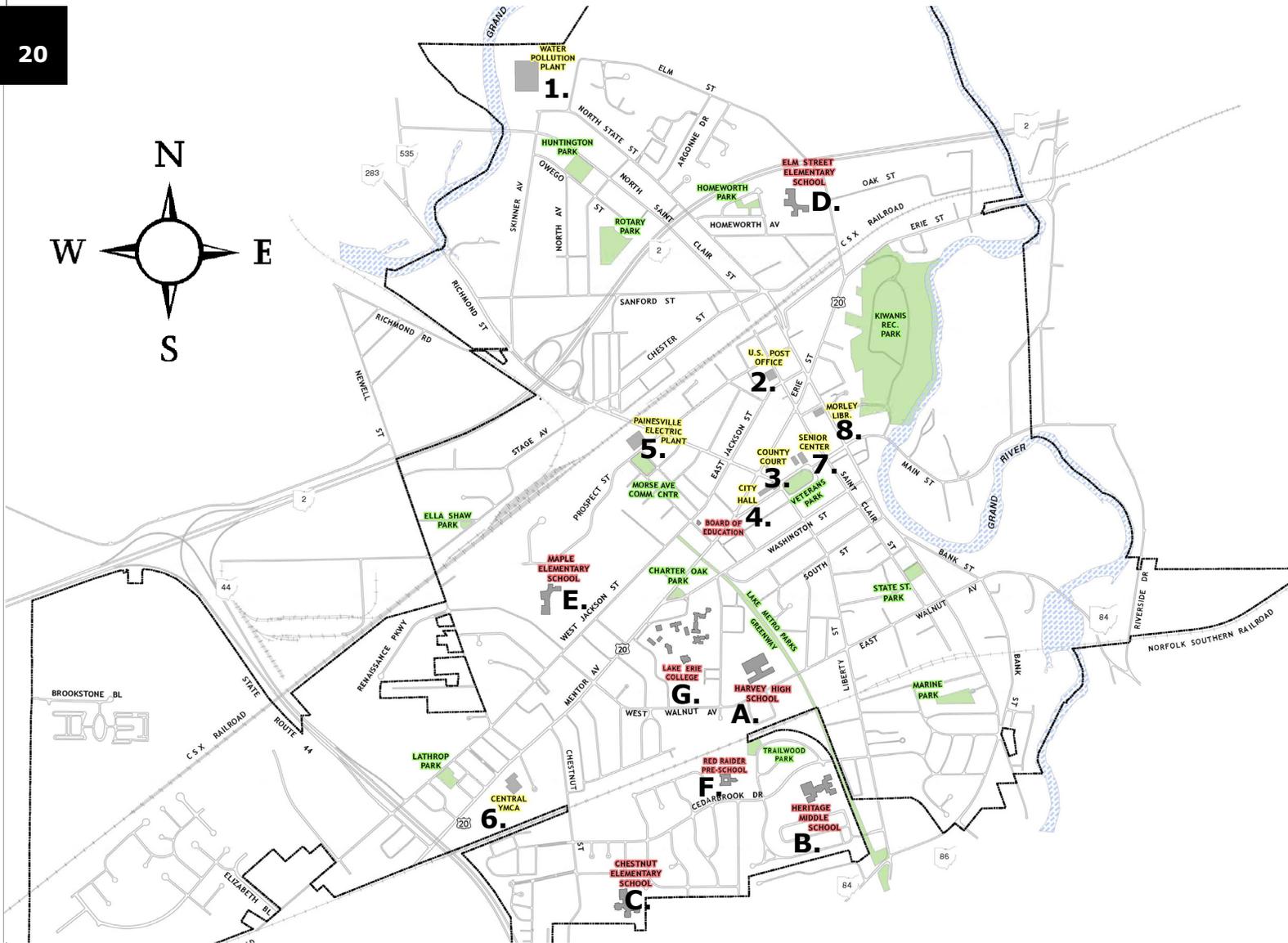
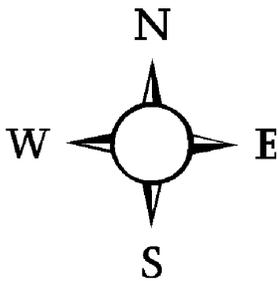
In the City of Painesville, it all comes together for business and industry. Just 30 miles from Cleveland and 2.5 miles south of Lake Erie on the historic Grand River, Painesville is a city that business and industry cannot afford to overlook. The combination of geographic location, business and education resources, skilled labor force and city operated and owned low-cost sewer, water, and electric utilities, make Painesville the perfect business location.

Most importantly, Painesville City is home to a progressive and pro-business City Council and City Administration with an eye toward a successful future.

- Building Department-** (440) 392-5931
- Cemeteries & Parks-** (440) 392-5911
- City Council-** (440) 392-5803
- City Manager-** (440) 392-5800
- Economic Development-** (440) 392-5795
- Finance-** (440) 392-5796
- Fire (non-emergency)-** (440) 392-5852
- General Information-** (440) 352-9301
- Income Tax-** (800) 223-6317
- Municipal Court-** (440) 392-5900
- Planning, Zoning-** (440) 392-5843
- Police (non-emergency)-** (440) 392-5840
- Public Works-** (440) 392-9676
- Recreation Services-** (440) 392-5912
- Utilities-** (440) 392-5797
- Water Distribution-** (440) 392-2975
- Water Pollution Control-** (440) 392-6316

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homeowner numbers





## Areas of Interest in the City of Painesville

### Places of Interest

1. Water Pollution Control Plant
2. Post Office
3. County Courthouse
4. City Hall
5. Electric Power Plant
6. YMCA
7. Senior Center
8. Morley Library

### Parks (highlighted green)

### Schools

- A. Thomas W. Harvey High School
- B. Heritage Middle School
- C. Chestnut Elementary School
- D. Elm Street Elementary School
- E. Maple Elementary School
- F. Red Raider Preschool
- G. Lake Erie College





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